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August 18, 2021

The Honorable Mark Ozias
Clallam County Courthouse
223 East Fourth Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362

**Re: Final Ecology Approval of Clallam County Shoreline Master Program
Comprehensive Update**

Dear Commissioner Ozias:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the Clallam County (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the Clallam community for completing this comprehensive update. We know this has been a long and challenging process. We appreciate your commitment to comprehensive land use planning for Washington's unique and valuable shorelines.

As you know, the following correspondence regarding the SMP update took place between Ecology and the County:

- December 4, 2018 – Ecology accepted the County's locally adopted SMP update as complete for purposes of review (adopted as Resolution No. 91-2018).
- March 29, 2021 – Ecology conditionally approved the County's comprehensive SMP update with twenty-seven (27) specific required changes and thirty-nine (39) recommended changes.
- July 28, 2021 – The County sent a response letter agreeing to all of Ecology's required and recommended changes (adopted as Resolution No. 61-2021).

Ecology therefore approves the County's comprehensive SMP update, which includes all the agreed to required and recommended changes. The SMP approved by this action concludes the County's comprehensive update under RCW 90.58.080(2). This action represents Ecology's final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the County's proposal.

The effective date of the County's comprehensive SMP update is fourteen days from the date of this letter, Ecology's final approval letter. This fourteen day period was established by legislative action in 2011 and is intended to provide lead time for the County to prepare to implement the new SMP.

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Ecology is required to promptly publish notice that the County's SMP has received final approval. The notice, in the form of a legal ad, will begin a 60-day appeal period. We will provide a copy of the legal ad to the County for its records.

Finally, please integrate the changes referenced in this correspondence into a final clean copy version of the complete approved SMP, including the appendices, within 30 days. When this is complete, please forward one hard copy and one digital copy of the complete approved SMP to Ecology.

Thank you again for your significant work and leadership in completing this SMP update. If you have any questions, please contact our regional planner, Michelle McConnell, at Michelle.McConnell@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6349.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Misty Blair". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Misty Blair
Shoreline Management Policy Lead

cc: Donella Clark, Clallam County
Mary Ellen Winborn, Clallam County
Perry Lund, Ecology
Michelle McConnell, Ecology